

## REMARKS

The application and the material cited to date have been carefully reviewed along with Examiner's remarks in the Office action. After this review, Applicant is convinced that his claimed composition and articles are novel and patentable. Applicant strongly believes that his application embodies a significant discovery, that the claims define the invention in a clear and definite manner, and that all of the amended claims are allowable.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the case. Claims 1-4 and 7 are directed to non-elected inventions and withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are currently amended to correct transcription/spelling errors and for clarity and consistency of wordings. The current amendments under 37 CFR 1.312 are directed to amendments to claims which are within the previously allowed claim language and scope. The amendments do not involve new matter.

The amendments are supported by the original application and claims as originally filed. It is understood that the amendments are not for purpose of any prior art and of an un-limiting nature only.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant requests that the amendments to the claims be entered.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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